

Traditional Tribal Burial Ground Board  
Regular Meeting – October 26, 2013  
LTBB Mina Mskiki Gumik Conference Room

Board Members Present: Wes Andrews, Chairperson; Kevin Willis, Vice Chairperson; Alice Yellowbank, Treasurer; Mary Gasco, Secretary, Nichole Biber

Absent: None

Speakers/Guests: Gwen Gasco, Nitaawe Shepherd

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Roll call - Meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m.

Motion made by Treasurer Yellowbank and supported by Chairman Andrews to approve the agenda as amended.

YES – 5              No – 0              Absent – 0              Abstained-0

Motion carried.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Willis and supported by Chairman Andrews to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 3, 2013 as amended.

YES – 5              No – 0              Absent – 0              Abstained – 0

Motion carried.

#### Old Business

- Consultant contract
  - o Must be submitted to Enjinaaknegeng Department for review and approval pursuant to WOS 2013-007 Contract Statute.
  - o Request for Legal Review must be filled out and sent in with copy of Independent Contracting Agreement for legal review.
- Regulations
  - o Changes made since last meeting
  - o Definitions need to be completed
- Webinar update
  - o Webinar will be held on the November 23, 2013 Regular meeting at 10:00 a.m.
  - o Skype application needed. Need donated laptop to install application on (the one that will be used for the webinar).
  - o Nichole will send contact information for Joe Sehee from the Green Burial Council, and Gwen complete setup with Mr. Sehee.
- Housing Parcels discussion
  - o Osborne Road property – some records have been found regarding the location of some of the repatriated graves. There is a possibility for this property to be used as a traditional cemetery.
- Brochure and Logo update
  - o Wendy Congdon, Press Graphic Specialist has agreed to help reproduce the logo for easier reproduction.
  - o Waiting Anishinaabemowin translation for logo

#### Board Reports

- Chairman's Report
  - o 2014 Budget

- Annual Audit – need to send the Charter and Statute
- Tribal Council presentation for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report
- Carl Crawford discussion – not a lot of information to offer the Board in terms of the development of a green cemetery.
- Death Certificate – Dr. Samuels, LTBB Medical Director will be out of office
- Land Tenure Grant – no update to report
- LTBB Burial Fund information
- Oak Drive cemetery in Cross Village and Bay Shore cemetery
  - Catholic churches disavow ownership and taxes are not paid on these properties.
  - Tribal Council recommends establishing ownership without having to file any claim in court.
  - If the Board takes ownership, they would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep.
- Treasurer's Report
  - Current Budget status
  - Account updates

Motion made by Chairman Andrews and supported by Board member Biber to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer Yellowbank.

YES – 4          No – 0          Absent – 0          Abstained – 1 (A. Yellowbank)

Motion carried.

- Secretary's Report – no report at this time
- Other
  - Odawa Trail article update – Board Member Biber
  - Consultant Report

#### New Business

- December 6, 2013 Community Meeting at 4-6pm
  - Light refreshments (coffee, tea, finger foods) – need quote from Cathy Davis, caterer
  - Possibly shuttle people from Housing complexes to the meeting
  - December 5<sup>th</sup> Elder's Luncheon announcement – Wes and Maanii
  - December 3<sup>rd</sup> – Elder's Department announce the meeting on the Tuesday Elder's Luncheon
- Reassignment of Treasurer duties
  - Treasurer Yellowbank voluntarily resigns as the Board Treasurer
  - Chairman Andrews will assume duties of Treasurer until another Board member can take the duties on full time.

Motion made by Chairman Andrews and supported by Vice Chairman Willis to approve the Independent Contracting Agreement with Gwendolyn Gasco as presented.

YES – 4          No – 0          Absent – 0          Abstained – 1 (M. Gasco)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Yellowbank and supported by Board Member Biber to approve the 2014 Traditional Tribal Burial, Inc. budget as presented by Chairman Andrews.

YES – 4          No – 0          Absent – 0          Abstained – 1 (W. Andrews)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Willis and supported by Chairman Andrews to schedule a work session with Executive officials and/or the Legislative Leader to occur by the end of 2013 and after the 2014 budgets have been approved/denied to address questions from the Board.

YES – 5            No – 0            Absent – 0            Abstained – 0

Motion carried.

Motion made by Chairman Andrews and supported by Vice Chairman Willis to reassign the Treasurer duties to the Chairman Andrews temporarily until such time that another member can be assigned the Treasurer duties.

YES – 4            No – 0            Absent – 0            Abstained – 1 (W. Andrews)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Chairman Andrews and supported by Vice Chairman Willis to accept the Board Bylaws as appears in Draft 2 with corrections.

YES – 5            No – 0            Absent – 0            Abstained – 0

Motion carried.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Willis and supported by Chairman Andrews to adjourn the meeting.

YES – 5            No- 0            Absent – 0            Abstained – 0

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

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These minutes have been approved by the Traditional Tribal Burial Ground Board on during the Regular Board Meeting held on November 23, 2013.

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Date:

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Mary Gasco, Board Secretary